

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
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For: MUTANT *PSEUDOMONAS MENDOCINA*  
CUTINASE (AS AMENDED)

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Request for Continued Examination is in response to the final Office Action dated July 8, 2008 for which a response was due on October 8, 2008. Filed herewith are a Petition and fee for a three month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to January 8, 2009. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein, are respectfully requested.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.